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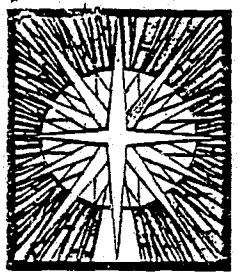

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"For I was an hungered
and ye gave me meat:
I was thirsty
and ye gave me drink;
I was a stranger
and ye took me in;
Naked, and ye clothed me;
I was sick and ye visited me;
I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous
Answer him, saying,
When saw we thee an hungered
And fed thee?
Or thirsty,
And gave thee drink?
When saw we thee a stranger
And took thee in?
Or naked, and clothed thee
Or when saw we thee sick?
Or in prison,
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these...
...Ye have done it unto me"

Matthew 25:35-40

December 21, 1977

Mr. Frank Tummunia
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Dear Mr. Tummunia:

During the first year of the Carter Administration, the Peoples Temple Christian Church has been encouraged to note the many steps taken towards improved foreign relations with our neighbors to the South. Pursuant to this potential for the enhancement of U.S.-Caribbean relations, the Peoples Temple would like to share with you news of its pioneering work in experimental agriculture and other enterprises in the jungle interior of Guyana. You will find enclosed, "Progress Report - Summer 1977" for the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project, plus several news articles relating to the 27,000 acre community.

The Guyanese have been extremely helpful to us from the very inception of the project, and we have established excellent relations with the government, who has recently designated "Jonestown" as a tourist spot through which to bring visiting foreign dignitaries. Prime Minister Burnham is slated for a visit very soon, and government officials are in and out of the project all the time. One official wrote in the guest book that this is a model community that should be emulated all over the world. The Minister of Interior Development was so impressed with the excellent drainage system that he stated it will be used as a model for the entire country. A delegation from the Ministry of Education was thrilled with the nursery and educational programs. This is only a sampling of the type of reponse we have been routinely receiving.

Recently, an Amerindian woman some ten miles from our project was in need of emergency hospitalization. The government demonstrated such confidence in our Project and the Project's M.D. that a Guyana Defense Force plane was especially flown in following contact with our radio ham operator, and two GDF men gave up their seat in the plane and spent the night in Jonestown, so that the woman and the Jonestown doctor might be accomodated to the capital.

We are building an extensive medical program, with the most modern equipment such as EKG machines, electronic microscope, centrifuge and autoclave, to provide expert regular health care to not only the residents of Jonestown but to the people from the surrounding area. The Clinic conducted a round-the-clock cancer detection clinic for a solid week, for 1200 persons (free), giving comprehensive testing to each individual, and the six early-cancer cases thus detected were immediately

referred for proper corrective treatment before the disease could progress any further.

Most remarkable to the people at the Guyana Project is the complete freedom from social problems (many or most came from congested urban environments), every child doing well in school, and everyone happily occupied with the task of their choosing. Many industries are being developed such as saw mill, cassava processing, and furniture building from indigenous hardwoods.

We are especially concerned to help alleviate the world food crisis by developing and spreading technology that will be of use in underdeveloped areas of the world, and to strengthen positive ties between Guyana and the U.S. To this good end, the Guyana Chronicle, Guyana's national government newspaper, reported that Dr. P.A. Reid, the Deputy Prime Minister recently referred to Reverend Jim Jones as "an unofficial ambassador of goodwill between Guyana and the U.S." We are proud that we are able to serve this type of function within the aspiring self-determined nation of Guyana, whose government is doing so much to meet its peoples needs and co-exist within our changing hemisphere.

Reverend Jim Jones and the Congregation of the Peoples Temple Christian Church extend greetings to you, and we hope you will feel free to contact us at any time, regarding any matter where we might be of service.

Sincerely yours,

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